Early Childhood Iowa (Community Empowerment) Timeline

| Spring 1998 Empowerment Legislation Enacted \$5.2 million appropriated for School Ready Fund (distributed based on grant process) \$3.8 million appropriated for Early Childhood Fund (distributed based on formula) | |
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| process) | |
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| upon designation) | |
| September 1998 First 3 Areas Receive Empowerment Designation | |
| School Ready Funding distributed through grant process | |
| Appanoose, Davis, Lucas & Monroe (A.D.L.M. Empowerment Area) | |
| Lee & Van Buren | |
| • Linn | |
| January 1999 16 Areas Receive Empowerment Designation | |
| School Ready Funding distributed through grant process | |
| Adams; Black Hawk (Cedar Valley's Promise)*; Boone; Buchanan, Delaware | <u>s</u> |
| Fayette; Cass, Mills & Montgomery; Clinton & Jackson; Decatur; Dubuque; | |
| Emmet; Scott; Hardin; Johnson; Jones; Polk (Human Services Planning | |
| Alliance)*; Pottawattamie; Story* | |
| * these 3 areas received partial funding January 1, and were fully funded July | 1, |
| 1999 | |
| January 1999 Designation Process Separated from Funding Process | |
| January 1999 15 Areas Receive Empowerment Designation | |
| Adair (Families and Communities Together); Audubon, Carroll, Greene & | |
| Guthrie (Partnerships 4 Families); Bremer, Butler, Franklin & Grundy | |
| (Communities Empowering Families Collaborative); Buena Vista, Crawford & | |
| Sac; Calhoun, Pocahontas & Webster (Linking Families and Communities); | |
| Clarke (Family First Empowerment Area); Clay, Dickinson, Osceola & O'Brien | |
| (Lakes Area Empowerment); Des Moines, Henry & Louisa; Fremont & Page | |
| (Corner Counties Empowerment Area); Hamilton, Humboldt & Wright (Buildin | } |
| Families Empowerment Area); Marshall; Muscatine; Ringgold; Taylor; Union Spring 1999 New Empowerment Legislation (SF 439) Enacted | |
| \$10.4 million appropriated for School Ready Fund (distributed based on grant | |
| process) | |
| \$3.8 million appropriated for Early Childhood Fund (distributed based on formula | |
| upon designation) | |
| July 1999 4 Areas Receive Empowerment Designation | |
| Allamakee, Clayton, Howard & Winneshiek (HAWC) | |
| Kossuth & Palo Alto (PAK Empowerment) | |
| • Warren | |
| Woodbury | |
| August 1999 8 Areas Receive Empowerment Designation | |
| Cerro Gordo, Hancock & Worth | |
| Cherokee, Lyon, Plymouth & Sioux (Northwest Iowa Community | |
| Empowerment) | |
| Harrison, Monona & Shelby | |
| • lowa | |
| Jasper | |
| Jefferson & Keokuk | |
| Mahaska & Wapello | |
| Tama | |
| September 1999 7 Areas Receive Empowerment Designation | |
| Benton | |
| Chickasaw, Floyd & Mitchell (FMC) | |
| • Dallas | |
| Marion | |

| | Poweshiek |
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| | Wayne |
| | Winnebago |
| October 1999 | 12 Designated Areas Receive School Ready Funding (distributed through |
| October 1999 | grant process) |
| | Allamakee, Clayton, Howard & Winneshiek (HAWC) |
| | Audubon, Carroll, Greene & Guthrie (Partnerships 4 Families) |
| | Buena Vista, Crawford & Sac |
| | Chickasaw, Floyd & Mitchell (FMC) |
| | Clay, Dickinson, Osceola & O'Brien (Lakes Area Empowerment) |
| | Hamilton, Humboldt & Wright (Building Families Empowerment Area) |
| | Jasper |
| | Mahaska & Wapello |
| | Marion |
| | Ringgold |
| | Taylor |
| | • Union |
| October 1999 | 2 Areas Receive Empowerment Designation |
| | • Cedar |
| | Madison |
| January 2000 | 1 Area Receives Empowerment Designation |
| • | • Ida |
| April 2000 | 1 Area Receives Empowerment Designation |
| | Washington |
| April 2000 | All 99 Iowa Counties Now Represented By Designated Empowerment Areas |
| Spring 2000 | Legislation Appropriating Empowerment Funding Enacted |
| | \$15.6 million appropriated for School Ready Fund |
| 0 / 1 0000 | \$6.3 million appropriated for Early Childhood Fund |
| October 2000 | 27 Designated Empowerment Areas Receive School Ready Funding Based on |
| | Formula (45% = 0-5 population at 185% of poverty; 35% = 0-5 population; 20% = base) |
| | Adair (Families and Communities Together); Benton; Bremer, Butler, Franklin & |
| | Grundy (Communities Empowering Families Collaborative); Calhoun, |
| | Pocahontas & Webster (Linking Families and Communities); Cedar; Cerro |
| | Gordo, Hancock & Worth; Cherokee, Lyon, Plymouth & Sioux (Northwest Iowa |
| | Community Empowerment); Clarke (Family First Empowerment Area); Dallas; |
| | Des Moines & Louisa (Caring CommUNITY); Fremont & Page (Corner Counties |
| | Empowerment Area); Harrison, Monona & Shelby; Henry; Ida; Iowa; Jefferson |
| | & Keokuk; Kossuth & Palo Alto (PAK Empowerment); Madison; Marshall; |
| | Muscatine; Poweshiek; Tama; Warren; Washington; Wayne; Winnebago; |
| • | Woodbury (Siouxland Human Investment Partnership) |
| Spring 2001 | Legislation Appropriating Empowerment Funding Enacted |
| | \$15.8 million appropriated for School Ready Fund |
| July 2001 | \$6.3 million appropriated for Early Childhood Fund School Ready & Early Childhood Grants Distributed to All 58 Empowerment |
| July 2001 | Areas |
| January 2002 | 3 Areas Receive 3-year Redesignation |
| January 2002 | Lee/Van Buren |
| | A.D.L.M. (Appanoose, Davis, Lucas and Monroe Counties) |
| | Linn A.D.E.M. (Appariouse, Davis, Eucas and Monitoe Counties) |
| Spring 2002 | Legislation Appropriating Empowerment Funding Enacted |
| Spring 2002 | \$14.8 million appropriated for School Ready Fund |
| | \$6.3 million appropriated for Early Childhood Fund |
| July 2002 | School Ready & Early Childhood Grants Distributed to all 58 Empowerment |
| July ZUUZ | School Ready & Early Childhood Grants Distributed to all 30 Embowerment |
| July 2002 | Areas |
| January 2003 | |

| | Adair; Adams; Allamakee, Clayton, Howard and Winneshiek (HAWC); Audubon, Carroll, Greene, and Greene (Partnerships 4 Families); Black Hawk (Cedar Valleys Promise); Boone; Bremer, Butler, Franklin and Grundy; Buchanan, Delaware and Fayette; Buena Vista, Crawford and Sac; Calhoun, Pocahontas and Webster (Linking Families and Communities); Cass, Mills, Montgomery (Boost For Families); Clarke; Clay, Dickinson, O'Brien, and Osceola (Lakes Area); Clinton, Jackson; Decatur; Dubuque; Emmet; Fremont, Page (Corner |
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| Spring 2003 | Counties); Hamilton, Humboldt, Wright (Building Families); Hardin; Johnson; Jones; Kossuth and Palo Alto (PAK); Marshall; Muscatine; Polk; Pottawattamie; Ringgold; Scott; Story; Taylor; Union; Warren; Woodbury Legislation Appropriating Empowerment Funding Enacted \$15.8 million appropriated for School Ready Fund \$7.3 million appropriated for Early Childhood Fund |
| July 2003 | School Ready & Early Childhood Grants Distributed to all 58 Empowerment Areas |
| October 2003 | 2.5% Across the Board Reduction in School Ready Funds |
| June 2004 | .25% Across the Board Restoration in School Ready Funds |
| Spring 2004 | Legislation Appropriating Empowerment Funding Enacted |
| Opining 2004 | \$15.6 million appropriated for School Ready Fund |
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| Luly 2004 | \$7.2 million appropriated for Early Childhood Fund |
| July 2004 | School Ready & Early Childhood Grants Distributed to all 58 Empowerment Areas |
| Caring 2005 | |
| Spring 2005 | Legislation Appropriating Empowerment Funding Enacted |
| | \$25.6 million appropriated for School Ready Fund |
| | \$7.2 million appropriated for Early Childhood Fund |
| January 2006 | 15 Areas Receive 3-year Redesignation |
| | Appanoose, Davis, Lucas and Monroe; Lee, Van Buren; Linn; Adams, Black Hawk; Boone; Cass, Mills, Montgomery; Clinton, Jackson; Dubuque; Scott; Johnson; Jones; Polk; Pottawattamie; Story 4 Areas Receive 1-Year Conditional Designation Buchanan, Delaware, Fayette; Hardin; Decatur; Emmet |
| Spring 2006 | Legislation Appropriating Empowerment Funding Enacted |
| Spring 2000 | \$38.4 million appropriated for School Ready Fund |
| | \$7.2 million appropriated for Early Childhood Fund |
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| January 2007 | 15 Areas Receive 3-Year Redesignation Adair; Audubon, Carroll, Greene, Guthrie; Bremer, Butler, Franklin, Grundy; Calhoun, Pocahontas, Webster; Clarke; Clay, Dickinson, Osceola, O'Brien; Hamilton, Humboldt, Wright; Kossuth, Palo Alto; Marshall; Muscatine; Ringgold; Taylor; Union; Warren; Woodbury; 3 Areas Receive 1-Year Conditional Designation Allamakee, Clayton, Howard, Winneshiek; Buena Vista, Crawford, Sac; Fremont, Page; Previous 1-Year Designation Review Buchanan, Delaware, Fayette = Unconditional for remaining two years Hardin = Unconditional for remaining two years |
| | Emmet = Unconditional for remaining two years Decatur = New board by fiscal year |
| Spring 2007 | Legislation Appropriating Empowerment Funding Enacted |
| Opinig 2007 | \$38.4 million appropriated for School Ready Fund \$7.2 million appropriated for Early Childhood Fund |
| January 2008 | Areas Receive 3-Year Redesignation |
| January 2006 | Benton; Cedar; Cherokee, Lyon, Plymouth, Sioux; Floyd, Mitchell, Chickasaw; Dallas; Des Moines, Louisa; Harrison, Monona, Shelby; Henry; Iowa; Jasper; Jefferson, Keokuk; Mahaska, Wapello; Marion; Tama; Washington; Winnebago 5 Areas Receive 1-Year Conditional Designation |

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| | Cerro Gordo, Hancock, Worth; Ida; Madison; Poweshiek; Wayne |
| | Previous 1-Year Designation Review Allamakee, Clayton, Howard, Winneshiek = Unconditional for remaining |
| | two years |
| | Buena Vista, Crawford, Sac = Unconditional for remaining two years |
| | Fremont, Page = Unconditional for remaining two years |
| Spring 2008 | Legislation Appropriating Empowerment Funding Enacted |
| | \$40.1 million appropriated for School Ready Fund (of this total, \$36.9 million |
| | allocated to the local CEA boards) |
| | \$7.2 million appropriated for Early Childhood Fund |
| December 2008 | 1.5% Across the Board Reduction of State General Funds |
| January 2009 | Areas Receive 3-Year Redesignation |
| - | Adams; Appanoose, Davis, Lucas, Monroe; Boone; Clinton, Jackson; |
| | Dubuque; Emmet; Jones; Lee, Van Buren; Linn; Polk; Pottawattamie; Scott; |
| | Story |
| | 5 Areas Receive 1-Year Conditional Designation |
| | Black Hawk; Buchanan, Delaware, Fayette; Cass, Mills, Montgomery; |
| | Hardin; Johnson |
| | Previous 1-Year Designation Review |
| | Ida = Unconditional for remaining two years with quarterly check-in |
| | Cerro Gordo, Hancock, Worth = Unconditional for remaining two years, with |
| | quarterly check-in |
| | Madison = 2 nd Year Conditional Poweshiek = Unconditional for remaining two years with quarterly check-in |
| | Wayne = 2 nd Year Conditional |
| Spring 2009 | Legislation Appropriating Empowerment Funding Enacted |
| Spring 2009 | \$33.4 million appropriated for School Ready Fund (of this total, \$32.1 million |
| | allocated to the local CEA boards) |
| | \$7.2 million appropriated for Early Childhood Fund |
| October 2009 | 10% Across the Board Reduction of the State General Funds |
| | Resulted in a decrease of \$3,015,369 to the CEA boards in the School Ready Fund |
| | Resulted in a decrease of \$500,000 to the CEA boards in the Early Childhood Fund |
| January 2010 | Areas Receive 3-Year Redesignation |
| | Adair; Audubon, Carroll, Greene, Guthrie; Bremer, Butler, Franklin, Grundy; |
| | Buena Vista, Crawford, Sac; Calhoun, Pocahontas, Webster; Clay, |
| | Dickinson, Osceola, O'Brien; Fremont, Page; Hamilton, Humboldt, Wright; |
| | Kossuth, Palo Alto; Muscatine; Ringgold; Taylor; Union; Warren; Woodbury |
| | 4 Areas Receive 1-Year Conditional Designation |
| | Allamakee, Clayton, Howard, Winneshiek; Clarke; Decatur; Marshall |
| | Previous 1-Year Designation Review |
| | Black Hawk = Unconditional for remaining two years Buchanan, Delaware, Fayette = Unconditional for remaining two years |
| | Cass, Mills, Montgomery = Unconditional for remaining two years |
| | Hardin = Unconditional for remaining two years |
| | Johnson = Unconditional for remaining two years |
| | Previous 2-Year Designation Review |
| | Madison = Unconditional for remaining one year |
| | Wayne = Unconditional for remaining one year |
| Spring 2010 | At the close of the 2010 legislative session, SF2366 was signed into law making |
| . • | appropriations to backfill FY10 preschool support funds to the CEA boards in the |
| | amount of \$877,215. |
| Spring 2010 | Legislation Appropriating Empowerment Funding Enacted |
| | \$26.37 million appropriated for School Ready Fund (of this total, \$25,287,842M |
| | allocated to the local CEA boards) |
| | \$6.35 million appropriated for Early Childhood Fund |
| July 2010 | Early Childhood Iowa (Iowa Code 256I) merges previously legislated Early |
| | Childhood Iowa and Community Empowerment legislations. |

| | Redesignation process replaced with Levels of Excellence (LOE) Rating System |
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| July 2010 | Henry and Washington Counties merge into one ECI area, making 57 areas that |
| cary 2010 | cover the state |
| Fall 2010 | Iowa Empowerment Board suspended the redesignation process for one year to |
| | allow for the development of the Levels of Excellence Rating System. This also |
| | allowed each board to remain at their current designation status until their |
| | scheduled LOE review. (This decision was made at the September 2009 lowa |
| | Empowerment Board meeting to provide ample notice to area boards that begin |
| | preparation for this process up to a year in advance.) |
| Spring 2011 | Levels of Excellence Rating System was piloted in two ECI areas: Lakes and Polk County |
| Spring 2011 | Legislation Appropriating Early Childhood Iowa Funding Enacted |
| Spring 2011 | \$23,179,424 appropriated for School Ready Fund (of this total, \$21,999,794 |
| | allocated to the local ECI Area boards) |
| | \$6.25 million appropriated for Early Childhood Fund |
| Winter 2011 | 12 ECIA boards complete the first cycle of Levels of Excellence Rating System |
| William 2011 | designation reviews. |
| Spring 2012 | Legislation Appropriating Early Childhood Iowa Funding Enacted |
| _ | \$23,179,424 appropriated for School Ready Fund (of this total, \$21,999,794 |
| | allocated to the local ECI Area boards) |
| | \$6.35 million appropriated for Early Childhood Fund (of this total, \$6,246,000 |
| | allocated to the local ECI Area boards) |
| July 2012 | Benton and Tama Counties merge; Boone and Story Counties merge; Cedar and |
| | Jones Counties merge; Clarke, Decatur and Wayne Counties merge; Hardin and |
| | Marshall Counties merge; resulting in 45 total ECI areas covering all 99 lowa |
| | counties. |
| July 2012 | Levels of Excellence ratings adopted by the ECI State Board: |
| | Probation – Cerro Gordo, Hancock, Worth ECI area; LAKES ECI area; Jefferson, |
| | Keokuk ECI area. |
| | Compliant - Benton, Tama ECI area; Boone, Story ECI area; Cedar, Jones ECI |
| | area; Chickasaw, Floyd, Mitchell ECI area; Clarke, Decatur, Wayne ECI area; |
| | Hardin, Marshall ECI area; Polk ECI area; Harrison, Monona, Shelby ECI area. Model – Des Moines, Louisa ECI area. |
| January 2013 | 3 area boards that were rated Probation completed all requirements of their |
| January 2013 | improvement plans and were granted Compliant level status for the remainder of |
| | the 3-year LOE cycle. |
| Spring 2013 | Legislation Appropriating Early Childhood Iowa Funding Enacted |
| 9 - 0 - 0 | \$23,179,424 appropriated for School Ready Fund (of this total, \$21,999,794 |
| | allocated to the local ECI Area boards) |
| | \$6.35 million appropriated for Early Childhood Fund (of this total, \$6,245,000 |
| | allocated to the local ECI Area boards) |
| | The Source of the Early Childhood funds changed from federal to state within |
| | the CCDF fund at DHS |
| July 2013 | Adams, Ringgold, Taylor and Union ECI area boards merge; lowa and Jefferson, |
| | Keokuk ECI area boards merge; Jasper, Marion and Poweshiek ECI area boards |
| | merge; resulting in 39 total ECI areas covering all 99 lowa counties. |
| July 2013 | Levels of Excellence ratings adopted by the ECI State Board: |
| | Probation – Mahaska, Wapello ECI area; Pottawattamie County ECI area |
| | Compliant – Adams, Ringgold, Taylor, Union ECI area; Appanoose, Davis, Lucas, |
| | Monroe ECI area; Cherokee, Lyon, Plymouth, Sioux ECI area; Clinton, Jackson ECI |
| | area; Iowa, Jefferson, Keokuk ECI area; Jasper, Marion, Poweshiek ECI area; Scott |
| | County ECI area |
| | Quality – Johnson County ECI area; Lee , Van Buren ECI area; Muscatine County |
| | ECI area Model – Linn County ECI area; Dubuque County ECI area |
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| July 2042 | The FOI Olete Deepl granted a second extension to the Tension of Eq. (|
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| July 2013 | The ECI State Board granted a one year extension to the Together 4 Families ECIA (Bremer, Butler, Franklin, Grundy) in order to meet the LOE requirements. |
| Caring 2014 | Legislation Appropriating Early Childhood Iowa Funding Enacted |
| Spring 2014 | \$23,179,424 appropriated for School Ready Fund (of this total, \$21,999,794 |
| | allocated to the local ECI Area boards) |
| | \$6.35 million appropriated for Early Childhood Fund (of this total, \$6,300,000 |
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| July 2014 | allocated to the local ECI Area boards) |
| July 2014 | 2 area boards that were rated Probation completed all requirements of their |
| | improvement plans and were granted Compliant level status for the remainder of |
| 1 004.4 | the 3-year LOE cycle. |
| July 2014 | Levels of Excellence ratings adopted by the ECI State Board: |
| | Probation – Allamakee, Clayton, Howard, Winneshiek; Cass, Mills, Montgomery; |
| | Ida, Woodbury |
| | Compliant – Black Hawk; Buchanan, Delaware, Fayette; Fremont, Page; Hamilton, |
| | Humboldt, Wright |
| | Quality – Buena Vista, Crawford, Sac; Henry, Washington |
| | Model – Adair, Dallas, Madison, Warren; Audubon, Carroll, Greene, Guthrie; |
| O., | Calhoun, Pocahontas, Webster; Emmet, Kossuth, Palo Alto, Winnebago |
| Spring 2015 | Legislation Appropriating Early Childhood Iowa Funding Enacted |
| | \$23,179,424 appropriated for School Ready Fund (of this total, \$21,999,794 |
| | allocated to the local ECI Area boards) |
| | \$6.35 million appropriated for Early Childhood Fund (of this total, \$6,300,000 |
| Index 204E | allocated to the local ECI Area boards) |
| July 2015 | Des Moines, Henry, Louisa, and Washington area boards merge, resulting in 38 |
| July 2045 | total ECI areas covering all 99 lowa counties. |
| July 2015 | 3 area boards that were rated Probation completed all requirements of their |
| | improvement plans and were granted Compliant level status for the reminder of the |
| luly 2045 | 3-year LOE cycle |
| July 2015 | Levels of Excellence ratings adopted by the ECI State Board: |
| | Probation - Bremer, Butler, Franklin, Grundy; Boone, Story; Clay, Dickinson, |
| | Osceola, O'Brien |
| | Compliant – Benton, Tama; Cerro Gordo, Hancock, Worth; Chickasaw, Floyd, |
| | Mitchell; Clarke, Decatur, Wayne; Polk Quality – Harrison, Monona, Shelby |
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| Spring 2016 | Model – Cedar, Jones; Hardin, Marshall |
| Spring 2010 | Legislation Appropriating Early Childhood Iowa Funding Enacted \$23,179,424 appropriated for School Ready Fund (of this total, \$21,999,794 |
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| | allocated to the local ECI Area boards) \$6.35 million appropriated for Early Childhood Fund (of this total, \$6,300,000 |
| | allocated to the local ECI Area boards) |
| Spring 2016 | Legislation about ECI was passed. SF2299 |
| Spring 2010 | •The Early Childhood Iowa (ECI) State Board, ECI area boards, and other state and |
| | local government agencies provide support, leadership, and facilitation of the |
| | growth of individual, community, and state responsibility in addressing the desired |
| | results for improving the quality of life in Iowa for young children and their families. |
| | •clarify that the ECI State Board must consider a community's current coverage of |
| | family support programs and services when responding to an area board's request |
| | for a waiver from the requirement to commit at least 60% of state funding to |
| | programs with a home visitation component. |
| | removes references relating to a level of excellence rating system to be used in |
| | the State Board's designation process for area boards. A designation process is still |
| | required by requires the ECI State Board to determine the process. |
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| | •eliminates the requirement that the composition of an ECI area board include |
| | representation from early care interests. "Early care" means the programs, services, |
| | support, or other assistance made available to a parent or other person who is |
| | involved with addressing the health and education needs of a child from zero |

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